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THE NIGHTMARE WARRIORS

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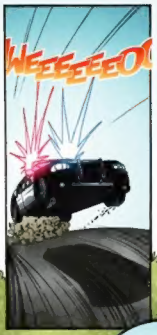
I TOLD HER!
I TOLD HER YOU WERE A PSYCHOPATH AND THIS WOULD HAPPEN!
PLEASE... THIS WASN'T ME.

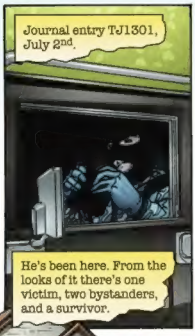
YOU BUTCHERED MY BABY GIRL!
PLEASE... NO. I DIDN'T DO THIS.

UHN!
CRACK
I SAID, NO!
I LOVED YOUR DAUGHTER! A MONSTER DID THIS, A DAMNED NIGHTMARE MONSTER I THOUGHT I BURIED SIX MONTHS AGO. BUT I'M GONNA FIX THAT RIGHT NOW.

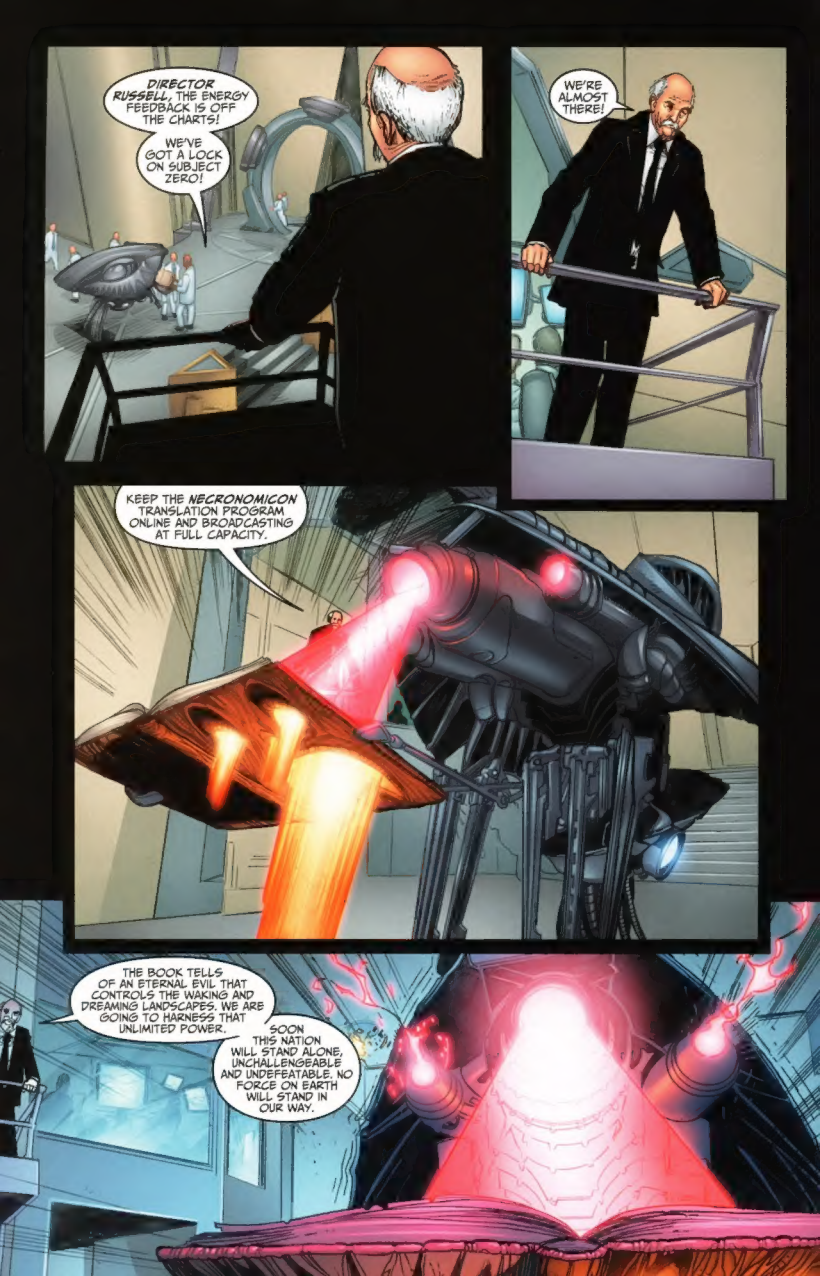

WEEEEEEOOO

OOOOOOOO
I'M GONNA FIX IT.

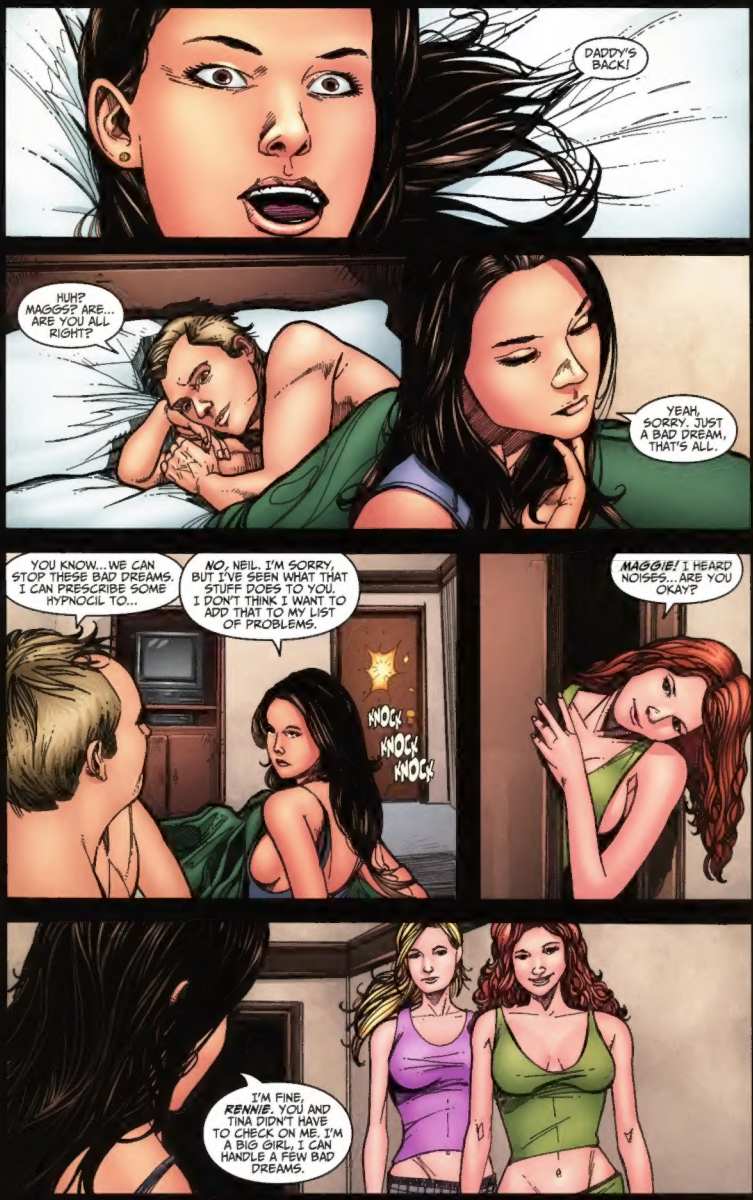
WEEEEEEOOO
JUST SEE IF I DON'T.

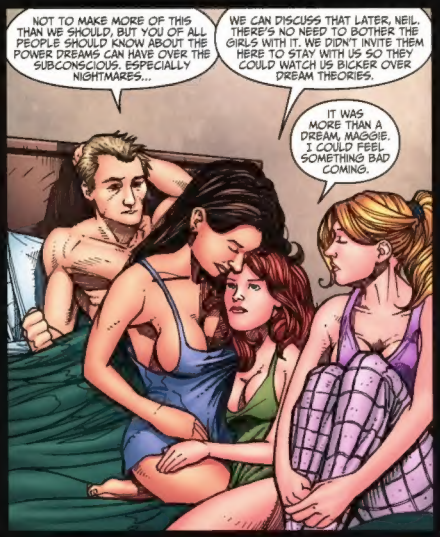

Journal entry TJ1301, July 2nd.
He's been here. From the looks of it there's one victim, two bystanders, and a survivor.

Cops arrived too late. No surprise there.
SCREECH
There's something familiar about the guy with the gauntlet. I'll have to check the files. But one thing is for sure. Wherever this survivor is going, Jason Voorhees is sure to follow.

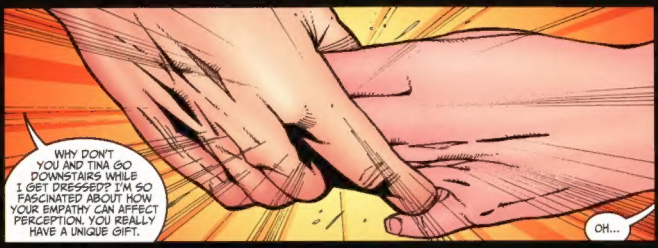

DIRECTOR RUSSELL, THE ENERGY FEEDBACK IS OFF THE CHARTS!
WE'VE GOT A LOCK ON SUBJECT ZERO!
WE'RE ALMOST THERE!
KEEP THE NECRONOMICON TRANSLATION PROGRAM ONLINE AND BROADCASTING AT FULL CAPACITY.
THE BOOK TELLS OF AN ETERNAL EVIL THAT CONTROLS THE WAKING AND DREAMING LANDSCAPES. WE ARE GOING TO HARNESS THAT UNLIMITED POWER.
SOON THIS NATION WILL STAND ALONE, UNCHALLENGEABLE AND UNDEFEATABLE. NO FORCE ON EARTH WILL STAND IN OUR WAY.

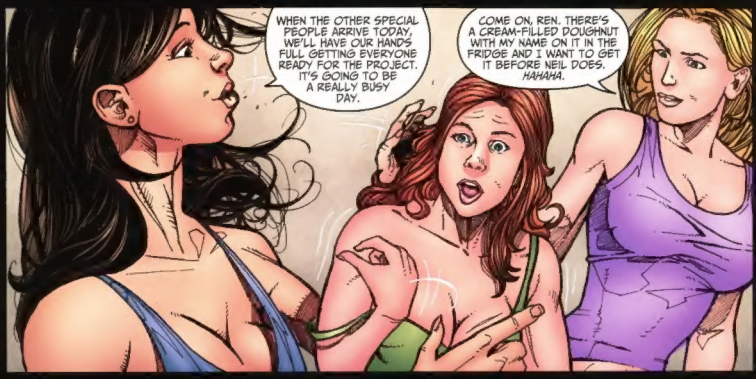
SHOOM
AND WE ARE GOING TO HARNESS THAT UNLIMITED POWER AND CONTROL. WE'RE GOING TO TURN IT TO OUR PURPOSES AND BECOME UNSTOPPABLE.
IT'S WORKING! SUBJECT ZERO IS CROSSING OVER!
SHOOM
FINALLY WE MEET FACE TO FACE.
WELCOME BACK TO THE LAND OF THE LIVING...
...MISTER KRUEGER.
WE HAVE A LOT OF QUESTIONS FOR YOU.


DADDY'S BACK!
HUH? MAGGS? ARE... ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
YEAH, SORRY. JUST A BAD DREAM, THAT'S ALL.
YOU KNOW... WE CAN STOP THESE BAD DREAMS. I CAN PRESCRIBE SOME HYPNOCIL TO...
NO, NEIL. I'M SORRY, BUT I'VE SEEN WHAT THAT STUFF DOES TO YOU. I DON'T THINK I WANT TO ADD THAT TO MY LIST OF PROBLEMS.
KNOCK KNOCK KNOCK
MAGGIE! I HEARD NOISES... ARE YOU OKAY?
I'M FINE, RENNIE. YOU AND TINA DIDN'T HAVE TO CHECK ON ME. I'M A BIG GIRL, I CAN HANDLE A FEW BAD DREAMS.


NOT TO MAKE MORE OF THIS THAN WE SHOULD, BUT YOU OF ALL PEOPLE SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE POWER DREAMS CAN HAVE OVER THE SUBCONSCIOUS. ESPECIALLY NIGHTMARES...
WE CAN DISCUSS THAT LATER, NEIL. THERE'S NO NEED TO BOTHER THE GIRLS WITH IT. WE DIDN'T INVITE THEM HERE TO STAY WITH US SO THEY COULD WATCH US BICKER OVER DREAM THEORIES.
IT WAS MORE THAN A DREAM, MAGGIE. I COULD FEEL SOMETHING BAD COMING.

SOMETHING REALLY BAD...


WHY DON'T YOU AND TINA GO DOWNSTAIRS WHILE I GET DRESSED? I'M SO FASCINATED ABOUT HOW YOUR EMPATHY CAN AFFECT PERCEPTION. YOU REALLY HAVE A UNIQUE GIFT.
OH...


WHEN THE OTHER SPECIAL PEOPLE ARRIVE TODAY, WE'LL HAVE OUR HANDS FULL GETTING EVERYONE READY FOR THE PROJECT. IT'S GOING TO BE A REALLY BUSY DAY.
COME ON, REN. THERE'S A CREAM-FILLED DOUGHNUT WITH MY NAME ON IT IN THE FRIDGE AND I WANT TO GET IT BEFORE NEIL DOES. HAHAHA.

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0am - 5:55pm
ALL RIGHT, DOC.
PLATFORM
HADDONFIELD IL
FOREST GREEN NJ
ROUND ROCK TX
ST.FRANCISVILLE IL
BALTIMORE MD
EVANSVILLE IN
YOU WANTED ME... YOU'RE GONNA GET ME.
...FOUND MURDERED IN THEIR FRANKLIN, MICHIGAN, HOME. POLICE ARE SEEKING THIS MAN, ASHLEY J. WILLIAMS, FOR QUESTIONING.
LAST CALL TO BALTIMORE, ALL ABOARD!
MIGHT AS WELL TRY TO GET SOME SLEEP. IT'S A LONG RIDE...

WHOOOWOOOOO!
HURRY UP, EARL. WE GONNA MISS THE TRAIN.
C'MON! THIS ONE'S EMPTY!
TOLD YA WE'D MAKE IT.
THIN' WE NEED A LITTLE LIQUID REWARD.
AN' MISTER JIMMY B HERE IS GONNA JOIN US.

CH-CH-CH
AH-AH-AH
SHUNK
AHRGKK!
SHIT 'N HELL!

GET AWAY FROM ME!

SHLANK
HAVE TO GET OFF THE TRAIN...
AARRHH!

UHNN... I CAN'T FEEL MY LEGS!
BAL D
EAVER

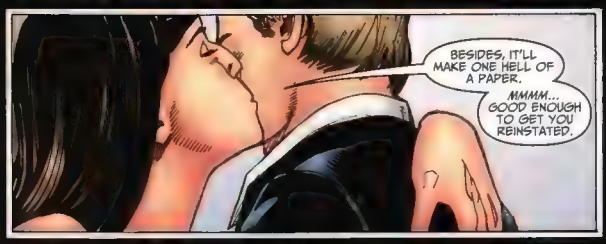
OH, GOD... I CAN'T FEEL...

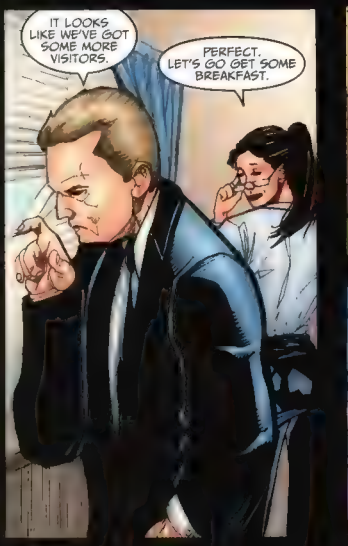
...NO.

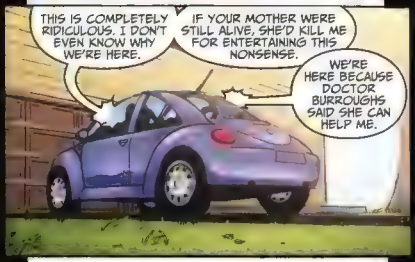
RAIL ROAD CROSSING
CLANG

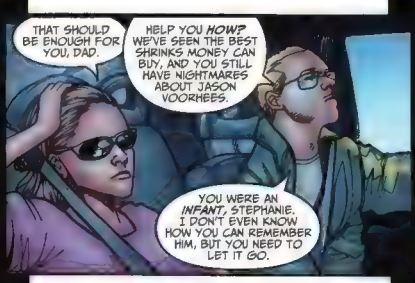
I STILL THINK THIS ENTIRE "SURVIVORS THERAPY" PLAN IS A MISTAKE. IT'S TOO SIMILAR TO THE GROUP WE HAD IN SPRINGWOOD--AND THE RESULTS THERE WERE CATASTROPHIC.
THOSE POOR KIDS...I STILL CAN'T GET THEM OUT OF MY MIND.
IT'S NOT THE SAME, NEIL.

YOU KNOW FIRST-HAND HOW SPECIAL THE CHILDREN WHO SURVIVED FREDDY KRUEGER'S NIGHTMARE MURDER SPREES ARE. THE SURVIVORS OF JASON VOORHEES ARE CUT FROM THE SAME CLOTH.
GETTING THEM ALL TOGETHER WILL HELP US IDENTIFY THAT TRAIT... AND MAYBE GIVE US THE EDGE WE NEED TO MAKE SURE MONSTERS LIKE FREDDY AND JASON ARE EXADICATED BEFORE THEY CAN CAUSE SO MUCH DESTRUCTION.


BESIDES, IT'LL MAKE ONE HELL OF A PAPER.
MMMM... GOOD ENOUGH TO GET YOU REINSTATED.


IT LOOKS LIKE WE'VE GOT SOME MORE VISITORS.
PERFECT. LET'S GO GET SOME BREAKFAST.


THIS IS COMPLETELY RIDICULOUS. I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHY WE'RE HERE.
IF YOUR MOTHER WERE STILL ALIVE, SHE'D KILL ME FOR ENTERTAINING THIS NONSENSE.
WE'RE HERE BECAUSE DOCTOR BURROUGHS SAID SHE CAN HELP ME.


THAT SHOULD BE ENOUGH FOR YOU, DAD.
HELP YOU HOW? WE'VE SEEN THE BEST SHRINKS MONEY CAN BUY, AND YOU STILL HAVE NIGHTMARES ABOUT JASON VOORHEES.
YOU WERE AN INFANT, STEPHANIE. I DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW YOU CAN REMEMBER HIM, BUT YOU NEED TO LET IT GO.

I CAN'T "LET IT GO." IF SHE CAN HELP, THEN I NEED TO BE HERE.
UH... HI?
SORRY. HELLO. I'M STEPHEN FREEMAN. THIS IS MY DAUGHTER, STEPHANIE.
I'M DOCTOR NEIL GORDON.
IT'S A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU, MISTER FREEMAN.
HI, STEPHANIE. I'M TINA SHEPPARD AND THIS IS RENNIE WICKHAM. REN'S A LITTLE SHY SOMETIMES
WELCOME TO MY HOUSE. WE'RE SO EXCITED TO HAVE YOU HERE
OUR THERAPY AND RESEARCH HAS DONE WONDERS FOR SURVIVORS LIKE YOU. I'M SURE TOGETHER WITH THE OTHERS STILL ON THEIR WAY WE CAN MAKE MAJOR PROGRESS.
MAGGIE! SOMETHING'S WRONG WITH STEPHANIE!
UGAHH!
STEPHIE! STEPHIE! SOMEONE CALL 9-1-1!
NEIL, HOLD HER DOWN!
SHE'S SEIZING!

HEY, HEY--WHERE YOU GOIN', BABY?
YOU SURE GOT PRETTY LIPS. HOW 'BOUT WE PUT THEM TO THE TEST, BOYS?
YEAH, MAN. I KNOW JUST HOW WE GONNA TEST 'EM, TOO.
ON YOUR KNEES, BITCH. YOU GOTS WORK TO DO.
DON'T MESS HER UP TOO MUCH, MAN!
PLEASE... DON'T..
URK!
SHUNK
AIEEEEEE!

SHIT! DANTE!
AARGK
SPLORK
BABBK

AIIIEEEE!
OOOF!
CRUNK
YAAAAHHH!
THUNK

AHHH...
SHICK
SHINLIP
YOU GOT A SMOKE?
I'D KILL FOR ONE.
THANKS.
YOU GOT A LIGHT, TOO? DON'T GOT A LIGHTER.
I SORTA HAVE A THING ABOUT FIRE.

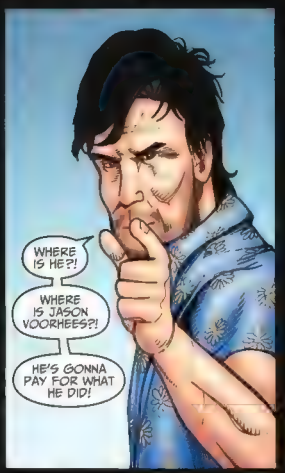
THIS IS YOU. FREDDY KRUEGER, "THE SPRINGWOOD SLASHER."
I WANT TO KNOW HOW YOU DID IT. HOW DID A TWO-BIT PSYCHOPATH BECOME THE MOST FEARED SUPERNATURAL FORCE IN THE WORLD?
YEAH... THOSE WERE THE DAYS, HUH? IT LOOKS LIKE YOU GOT ALL MY BEST HITS RIGHT HERE.
WHAT MORE COULD I TELL YOU? IT WAS ALWAYS ABOUT THE CHILDREN.
SUCH SWEET AND INNOCENT CHILDREN.
NO SMALL-TIME CHILD MURDERER DID THIS.
DOZENS OF TEENAGERS KILLED, MUTILATED, AND DISMEMBERED IN THEIR HOMES WITH LOCKED DOORS.
HOW DID YOU DO IT? WAS IT THE BOOK THAT GAVE YOU THE POWER?
"THE BOOK?" WHAT, LIKE THE BIBLE OR SOMETHING? YOU GOTTA BE KIDDING ME.
YOU KNOW DAMNED WELL WHAT BOOK.
THE NECRONOMICON.

THANK GOD, SHE'S OKAY. THIS IS A HELL OF A WAY TO START THE PROGRAM, MAGGIE.
IT'S JUST MORE PROOF OF THE CONCEPT, NEIL. THEY NEED TO LEARN HOW TO USE THEIR GIFTS OR NONE OF US WILL SURVIVE NEXT TIME AN ALPHA EVIL MANIFESTS.
LOOKS LIKE WE HAVE MORE GUESTS. THAT MUST BE ALICE AND JACOB JOHNSON.
YOU'D BETTER GO SIT WITH RENNIE. SHE SHOULD BE SENSING THEIR APPROACH RIGHT ABOUT NOW. AND SHE'S PROBABLY GETTING A LITTLE SKITTISH.
SO WE JUST NEED THE MASK AND THE STORE CLERK.
NOT LONG NOW.
SO YOU'RE TELLING ME THAT YOU CAN SHOW US HOW YOU USED THE BOOK OF THE DEAD TO MASTER THE POWER OF DREAMS?
I CAN GET YOU ACCESS TO IT, BUT IT WILL TAKE SOME TIME... I CAN'T JUST...
DIRECTOR RUSSELL, WE'VE GOT SOMETHING.
MULTIPLE KILLINGS AT A TRAIN STATION IN MARYLAND MATCH THE VOORHEES PATTERN.
BLACK BOOK SATELLITE SURVEILLANCE HAS TAGGED VOORHEES. WE'RE TRACKING HIM RIGHT NOW.
I WANT YOU PERSONALLY TO TAKE A TEAM AND BRING THAT BIG, DUMB ANIMAL IN ONCE AND FOR ALL, CARTER. SCRUB THE OTHER TECH--JUST TAKE THE TRANQUILIZERS.
USE ENOUGH TO DROP A WHALE IF YOU HAVE TO--BUT DO NOT LET YOUR TEAM SCREW IT UP AGAIN.

ALL RIGHT... TIME FOR SOME ANSWERS.

MISTER WILLIAMS, IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN.
STOW IT, QUACK.
CARRIE'S DEAD AND I THINK YOU KNEW THIS SHIT WAS GOING DOWN WHEN YOU SHOWED UP AT MY FRONT DOOR LIKE A BEAVER SCOUT WITH A BOX OF THOSE DAMN BROWNIES.

HEY, HEY, JUST WHO THE HELL DO YOU THINK YOU ARE, SHOWING UP HERE AND TALKING TO MAGGIE LIKE THAT? I'M NOT GOING TO STAND BY WHILE YOU--
BACK OFF, FOINDEXTER. YOU AND THE WICKED BITCH OF BALTIMORE HERE BETTER CUT THE CRAP AND MAKE WITH THE DETAILS PRONTO.


WHERE IS HE?!
WHERE IS JASON VOORHEES?!
HE'S GONNA PAY FOR WHAT HE DID!

BOTH OF YOU JUST STOP IT! THIS ISN'T HELPING ANYONE.
I'M SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS, ASH, REALLY I AM. BUT WE NEED YOU HERE TO MAKE SURE THIS DOESN'T HAPPEN AGAIN.

PLEASE. COME INSIDE AND MEET THE OTHERS.
WE ALL HAVE SCORES TO SETTLE WITH FREDDY AND JASON. THIS IS THE FIRST STEP.

THE STORM FRONT

The Salón Internacional del Cómic de Barcelona was a fantastic event here in Spain and many thanks go out to David Macho Gómez, his wife Paloma, his assistants Anna, Guillermo and Herman and everyone else who came out for the convention. I've met so many incredible people here—from the Mayor of Barcelona and the Cultural Minister of Catalan, to all the fans that stood in line. Thanks again for all the great memories, and I can't wait to do it all over again soon!

While the con left me exhausted and crushed, I'm already recharging my batteries for the onslaught that is the San Diego Comic-Con, which happens this month. I don't know how Europeans can come and do five days with jetlag, though it's usually better going West than East. Fortunately, it's right in my own proverbial backyard, so I'm already there.

Moving from red eyes to red herrings, August sees the release of a new six-issue mini from the twisted mind of David Tischman with stylishly fun visuals from Philip Bond and David Hahn. Government conspiracies involving aliens, con men and sexy lead characters prove to be a potent cocktail in the aptly titled RED HERRING. Teddy "Red" Herring and Maggie MacGuffin are the unlikely pair at the center of this gripping, real-world adventure mixing danger and humor where the only proof that it exists is that you just read it.

Over in the regular WildStorm Universe, the art team of Shawn Moll and Drew Geraci join Christos Gage as our year-long back-up event takes center stage in WILDCATS #13 as we head into the big events planned for 2010. Look for extra pin-ups and character bios introduced in the titles as we piece together the big WildStorm picture!

For all the up-to-the-second news, log onto http://twitter.com/wildstorm/ or http://twitter.com/jimlee00/ and join the Twitter-obsessed. Nothing gives me more pleasure than going over the allotted 140 characters, editing the sentence to the essentials, bringing it back under the limit and then re-adding characters and punctuation to hit exactly 140.

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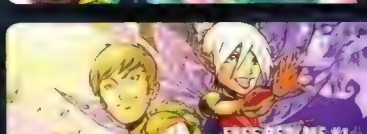

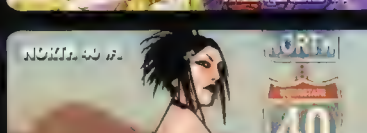

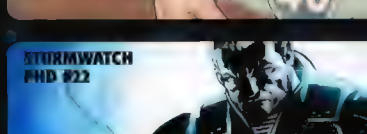

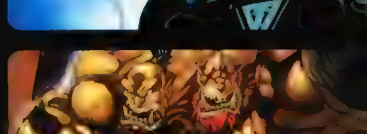

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YEAH, THANKS FOR THE COFFEE. SURE COULD USE SOMETHING A LITTLE STRONGER RIGHT ABOUT NOW.
WE ALL COULD, BUT WE CAN'T AFFORD THE DISTRACTION.
JUST LIKE YOU, THESE PEOPLE ALL HAVE SPECIAL ABILITIES. EACH HAS SURVIVED AN ENCOUNTER WITH FREDDY OR JASON.
NEIL AND I ARE GOING TO HELP YOU TAP INTO THOSE UNIQUE ABILITIES TO DESTROY THESE TWO MONSTERS ONCE AND FOR ALL.
OUR COMBINED STRENGTH WILL GIVE US THE EDGE WE NEED.
ARE YOU ALL CRAZY? I KNEW THIS WAS A MISTAKE
I SPENT THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS TRYING TO HELP STEPHIE PUT THIS INSANITY BEHIND US.
THEN YOU LURE US HERE WITH PROMISES OF HELP ONLY TO SPRING THIS BULLSHIT ON--
CH-CH-CH AH-AH-AH

EVERYBODY DOWN!
HOW THE HELL DID HAMBURGER HEAD FIND ME HERE?
IT CAN'T BE...
THUNK
URK
DADDY, NO!
Journal entry TJ1309
Jason followed the Michigan survivor here, just like I knew he would. And everyone in that house is going to die unless I slow him down.
YAAAHH!
RREN ENENEN
VROOM

CRASH
Right now!
EVERYONE GET IN!
HURRY--- THIS WON'T STOP JASON!
COME ON!
HOW DID YOU KNOW JASON HAD COME?!
RRRRRR

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